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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

HOME & ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

(HOME BRANCH)

Notification

The 5th August, 2016

No.28/2/2016-4HGII.— Whereas, the State Government has received the information that the film “The Legend of Michael Mishra” produced by Sh. Kishore Arora and directed by Sh. Munish Jha is scheduled to be released on Friday *i.e.* 05.08.2016. As per reports, certain organizations and individuals are protesting against the exhibition of this film. These reports have been corroborated by intelligence inputs. The lead actor Arshad Warsi in a scene utters objectionable words which have the potential to outrage the religious feelings of the Valmiki community.

The members of Valmiki community are showing resentment and several protests have already been held. Some reports about the resentment among the Valmiki community and the protest are as under :-

- (i) Complaint dated 04.08.2016 from Shri Suresh Beniwal, Private Secretary, Bhartiya Valmiki Dharam Samaj (Regd.) Bhawadhas Bharat, Office 129, Purani Indira Colony, Manimajra, UT Chandigarh addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula (Annexure-A) who constituted a committee of the following officers (Annexure-B) to see the trailer of this movie and submit a report to the Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula Directly.

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| 1. Smt. Hema Sharma, Addl.Dy. Commissioner, Panchkula | - Chairperson |
| 2. Shri R.K. Chaudhary, Dy. Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Panchkula | - Member |
| 3. Shri Mukesh Malhotra, ACP, Hqrs, Panchkula | - Member |
| 4. District Public Relations Officer, Panchkula | - Member |

This Committee has submitted its report after watching the trailer of the movie which is enclosed as Annexure “C”. They have recommended that it is essential to take necessary action in stopping the release of this film in cinema halls and multiplexes, because its release can cause communal violence and damage to public and private property causing serious law and order situation.

- (ii) Report dated 04.08.2016 of SHO, Police Station Sector-5, Panchkula to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Panchkula with the request to ban the screening of film "The legend of Michael Mishra".

As per intelligence inputs (Annexure-D), it is evident that the Valmiki community would resort to agitation and would not tolerate any objectionable references to Maharishi Valmiki. Valmiki community has already demanded ban on release of the film and more organizations of Valmiki community are likely to raise similar demand and may create law and order problem and breach of peace. An alert in this regard has also been issued to all the CPs, DCs and District SPs in Haryana on 02.08.2016 to ensure maintenance of law and order and to ensure that no untoward incident takes place. There is a strong apprehension of breach of peace and serious law & order problem. Cinema Halls screening the film are likely to become targets of violence.

In view of the aforesaid, there are strong reasons to apprehend that if the film is screened in the State, there could be protests by different organizations/ individuals which may cause damage to private as well as to public property resulting in serious law & order situation in the State. It has the potential to endanger the peace and social harmony in the State.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section 13 of Section 6 of the Punjab Cinema (Regulation) Act, 1952 (Punjab Act No.XI of 1952) as applicable to Haryana, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to suspend the exhibition of the film namely "The Legend of Michael Mishra" with immediate effect and during such suspension, the film shall be deemed to be an uncertified film throughout the State of Haryana. This order shall remain in force for a period of 8 weeks from the date of its issue.

Chandigarh:
The 5th August, 2016.

(Sd.)...,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government Haryana,
Home & Administration of Justice Department.